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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended Sir: 2 months from January 9, 2002 to March 9, 2002 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$200.00 for a 2-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing docket number 03528.0038.US00. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith are the following:

- Form PTO-1083; 1.
- Petition for Extension of Time; 2.
- Response to Advisory Action; 3.
- Version With Markings to Show Changes Made; 4.
- Check in the amount of \$200; and 5.
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No Claim Fee is required.

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